

Statement*List of Hospitals under various stages of construction*

Sl.No.	Name of the Hospital
Andhra Pradesh	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Tirupati
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Nizamabad
Chandigarh	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Chandigarh
Delhi	
1.	262 bedded ESI Hospital, Okhla
2.	270 bedded ESI Hospital, Rohini
Gujarat	
1.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Vapi
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Jamnagar
Haryana	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhiwani
Karnataka	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Belgaum
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Shahbad
Madhya Pradesh	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Nagda
Maharashtra	
1.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Kolhapur
2.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Chinchwad
3.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bibewadi
Orissa	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhubaneswar
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Rourkela
Punjab	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Mandigobindgarh
Rajasthan	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhilwara
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Pali
Tamil Nadu	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Tirucharapally
West Bengal	
1.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Durgapur.

Change in Timings of New Delhi-Indore, Intercity Express

2045. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the timings of New Delhi-Indore, Intercity Express; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no proposal at present to change the timings of 4005/4006 Indore-Nizamuddin Express.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of VSP

2046. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is proposed to be modernised and expanded;

(b) if so, the investment proposed to be made and source of investment;

(c) the capacity proposed to be increased; and

(d) the target for completion of Phase-I and Phase-II of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Visakhapatnam Steel Plant) has proposed to take up expansion of the plant from 3 million tonne stage to 4.05 million tonne stage of Liquid Steel production at an estimated cost of Rs.984 crores (Base date of last quarter 1994-95). The expansion is proposed to be implemented in two phases viz. phase-I in 30 months and thereafter phase-II in 30 months. The expansion will be funded by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant from their own internal resources as well as commercial borrowings.

Repeated Intrusions into the Air Space

2047. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the repeated intrusions into the air space have made it necessary for India to supplement its ground based radars with airborne monitoring;

(b) if so, whether during the last 2,3 months there have been mid air-intrusions which were saved due to the timely action by the experts;

(c) if so, what were the total number of such mid air intrusions that occurred;

(d) what were the main reasons; and

(e) what steps the Government proposes to check such type of air intrusions in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. No incident concerning violation of Indian airspace by civil aircraft of other countries has been reported.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Committee on Mines and Minerals Act, 1957

2048. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a committee to consider lacunae in the Mines and Minerals Act, 1957;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the other terms of reference of the committee;

(c) the composition of the committee; and

(d) the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) The Central Government have constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Mines), Government of India with Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines as Vice Chairman, Mining Secretaries of State Governments of Orissa, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Assam and Himachal Pradesh, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries and Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines as Members and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines as Member Secretary. The terms of reference of the Committee inter-alia include review of the existing laws and procedures governing regulation and development of minerals and to recommend steps to make them compatible with the policy changes and to suggest steps to reduce delays in grant/renewal of Prospecting Licences/Mining Leases. The Committee is also to consider and suggest further delegation of powers to the State Governments regarding grant/renewal of Prospecting Licence/Mining Leases and measures to prevent illegal mining. The Committee is expected to submit its report as early as possible.

Development of Hotels and Tourist Oriented Projects in Karnataka

2049. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that India Tourism Development Corporation intend to develop hotels and other tourist oriented projects in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the ITDC had approached the Government of Karnataka in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of places where these tourist oriented projects are proposed to be taken up in Karnataka by ITDC; and

(d) the number of new hotels proposed to be opened by ITDC at Bangalore and Mysore during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) In pursuance of its Jt. Venture Scheme, ITDC intend to undertake some tourism projects in the country including Karnataka in collaboration with the respective state govts. subject to commercial viability. In this regard, ITDC also approached the state govt. of Karnataka but they expressed their reservation about the Jt. Venture scheme.

(c) and (d) ITDC's Annual Plan 1997-98 does not include any specific plan scheme/provision for setting up any new hotel project in the state, including Bangalore and Mysore.

Tourism Potential

2050. SHRI P. KODANDARAMAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether internal tourism potential is ignored in preference to external potential;

(b) if so, the revenue earned from the external tourism and its comparison with the revenue earned from internal tourism;

(c) the number of foreigners and the number of Indians visited each place of historical and tourist importance during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to promote the historical places providing amenities to tourists;

(e) whether the Government propose to preserve the Chitradurga Fort and building tourist infrastructure; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The fact that Domestic tourism is the main stay for Indian tourism, is well recognised by the Government, though, it does not bring any additional revenue to the country. It, however, helps in the development of remote areas through the distribution of wealth. The estimated foreign exchange earnings from International tourism during the last three years is provided below:

Year	Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rupees in crores)
1994	7103.53
1995	8640.02
1996	10061.36